

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear and outrageous example of the dangers of media consolidation. The extent of media consolidation allowed today has seriously restricted the breadth and variety viewpoint we receive and need to make intelligent decisions. Sinclair's actions are a violation and corruption of the trust, we as citizens through you the FCC, have given them. If they cannot be fair and unbiased, their license should be cancelled.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard and a smile. This is serious business. Thank you.